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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Authority
to Construct and Place in Service Approximately 12.3 Miles of
138 kV Electric Transmission Line and a Spring Valley
Substation, All Located in Kenosha County

6630-CE-234

NOTICE OF HEARING

Hearing Date:	June 15, 1998, 1:30 p.m.
Hearing Location:	Amnicon Falls Hearing Room, Public Service Commission 610 North Whitney Way Madison, Wisconsin

On November 7, 1997, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) received a petition from nine people who own property near the approved route for the 138 kV electric transmission line that Wisconsin Electric Power Company proposes to build between the Bain and Spring Valley Substations in Kenosha County. These persons filed a "Petition to Set Aside the Public Service Commission Order Dated August 21, 1996." In its 1996 order, the Commission had approved the South Route for the transmission line. The petitioners requested that the Commission reopen this case and hold additional hearings.

On December 17, 1997, the Commission denied the request to reopen. The petitioners challenged this decision in Dane County Circuit Court. On March 26, 1998, Dane County Circuit Judge Richard Callaway ruled that the Commission must first hold a hearing before deciding whether to reopen the case.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission intends to hold a public hearing on the request of nine petitioners to reopen this docket on Monday, June 15, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor lobby entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact Richard Teslaw at (608) 267-9766.

The purpose of this hearing is to afford the nine petitioners an opportunity to be heard on their November 6, 1997, petition to reopen this case. These nine petitioners are: Friedrich Bohn, John Doetsch, Octave Du Temple, Ronald Gillmore, Francis Held, Donald Kurylo, William

Meyer, John Novak, Christopher Picone, and Peggy Vernooy. The issues raised in the petition, which shall be the subject matter of this hearing, are as follows:

1. Should the Commission reopen this docket because it failed to provide adequate notice to the petitioners of its hearings that commenced on January 18, 1996, on which the Commission based its 1996 order?
2. Should the Commission reopen this docket because it failed to prepare and present an Environmental Impact Statement?
3. Should the Commission reopen this docket because its Environmental Assessment was inadequate, in part because it failed to consider:
 - a. The effect that the proposed South Route transmission line would have on agricultural uses of property?
 - b. Alternative technologies to the construction of a transmission line?
 - c. The effect that the proposed South Route transmission line would have on particular environmental conditions of property owned by the petitioners?

Testimony at the hearing shall be limited to these issues.

If there are any questions regarding the hearing scheduled in this notice, please contact John Crosetto, Examining Division, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854. Mr. Crosetto's telephone number is (608) 266-7165. Any other questions may be directed to attorney David Ludwig, Electric Division, at (608) 266-5621.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

For the Commission.

Susan E. Stratton
Administrator
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